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In re Application: Yasuhiko SHINJO et al.

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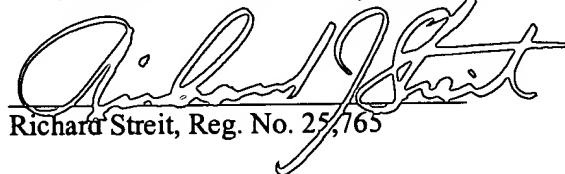
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2002, setting a 3-month shortened statutory period for a reply ending on August 24, 2002, the Applicants submit the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. The Applicants believe that this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-3 are currently pending in the present application.

Please amend Claim 1 as set forth below.